

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed August 8, 2005, claims 7, 8 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bash et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,834,512); claims 1-5, 9, 11-14, 19, 22, 23, 25 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bash et al.; claims 6, 10, 16-18 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bash et al. in view of Moriyama et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,516,207); and claims 15, 20 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bash et al. in view of Fukumura et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,453,055). The Examiner also takes official notices at pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action. The foregoing rejection and the official notices are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 7, 24 and 26 have been amended and claim 12 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The features of claim 12 have been respectfully incorporated into claims 1, 7, 24 and 26. Claims 1-11 and 13-27 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 1, for example, has been amended to recite "wherein the mobile sensor, the indoor environmental control device and the control server are linked to each other through a home network".

Claims 7, 24 and 26 have also been amended to recite similar limitations as those of amended claim 1.

Neither of the foregoing references relied upon, individually or combined, discuss "the mobile sensor, the indoor environmental control device and the control server are linked to each other through a home network".

Instead, Bash et al. discusses a cooling system for cooling racks and a data center. Specifically, Fig. 2A of Bash et al. illustrates a number of temperature sensors being usable in a mobile device together or measure at least one local environment or condition in the data center. The mobile device is configured to travel around the racks to determine the one or more environmental conditions at various locations throughout the data center (see column 8, lines 49-60). The information gathered by the mobile device may be transmitted to the cooling system whereby the delivery and temperature of cooling fluid according to one or more detecting environmental condition is controlled.

Moriyama et al. discusses an apparatus for controlling air conditioner by voice. Specifically, various controls are automatically affected by voice command, and the voice commands are read by voice recognizing equipment thereby eliminating necessity for manual operation (see Abstract).

Fukumura et al. discusses a robot apparatus capable of identifying other moving objects

or other objects and a position detecting apparatus for detecting the position of a moving object within a region. Specifically, the position detecting apparatus includes a plurality of wall surfaces having different colors from each other disposed along the periphery of the region, a shooting mean disposed in the moving object for shooting a corresponding predetermined wall surface, color and relative position detecting means for detecting a color of the wall surface shot by the shooting mean and position detecting means for detecting a position of the moving object within the region on the basis of the detecting results of the color and relative position detecting means (see column 3, lines 30-42).

Dependent claims 3-6, 8-11, 13-23, 25 and 27 have patentably distinguishing features of their own. For example, 13 recite "an access point, wherein the control server is connected with the access point and the wireless transmitting/receiving wirelessly accesses the access point connected with the control server to access the home network".

Therefore, the combination of the foregoing references fails to establish a prima facie case of obviousness over the present invention. Thus, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Withdrawal of the foregoing rejections is respectfully requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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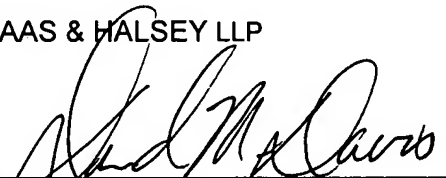
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